



# TIMBER TALK

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## President's Message

By the time you read this message Christmas and New Year's will have come and gone for another year. Welcome to 2014! CAWMC was founded in 1975, so including the founding year, 2014 will mark **40 years** of success and fellowship! I also hope you and your families celebrated a Merry Christmas and I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New year. If you didn't already send an image of your 2013 Christmas wood (if applicable) to **Norm Belsten** and **Judy Blackman**, please do so now. I hope my Christmas flats arrived safely with the December issue or with the special mailing of free woods. If any of the flats arrived damaged please contact me as indicated below and I will send a replacement in secure packaging.

In past years my wife (**Marion**) and I have taken holidays following Christmas. This year we are staying put in Calgary due to health reasons so we will not have any travel plans to discuss. Please take a few minutes and copy any news you might have received re wooden nickel issues and send them to **Judy**.

Happy retirement to **Bill Cousins** and **Larry Walker** (learn more inside this issue). Also see tribute to **Bernie Walker** inside this issue (as follow up to the email I previously sent to CAWMC members).

I have received many renewals for 2014 membership and I would like to remind the few that still have not renewed that now is the time to renew your membership (see page 2 for the renewal form that has appeared every issue since October). If you have any questions on your membership status please contact me.

Please start making plans for the 2014 RCNA Convention hosted by the **North York Coin Club** in **Toronto August 13 to 16<sup>th</sup>**. As this is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first RCNA convention, it is being held once again in Toronto where it all started in 1954. The location is the Delta Meadowvale Hotel & Conference Centre in Mississauga. E-mail [2014convention@rcna.ca](mailto:2014convention@rcna.ca) or call 1-416-303-4417 for more information.

As well the 2014 ONA Convention is being hosted by the **Windsor Coin Club** at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts in **Windsor April 4 to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

In closing, I would like to re-mind you again that *Timber Talk* is the life line of our hobby and I continue to ask on behalf of our Editor that you take a few minutes and write a short article for inclusion in the bulletin. The article could be on how you started collecting wood, your favourite wood, how you discovered a new wood or a request for assistance in identifying a wood in your collection. If anyone wishes to contact me on any issue you can reach me by mail at **Al Munro**, Box 2643 Station M, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 3C1, by phone at 403-273-6133 or by email at [wood5cents@shaw.ca](mailto:wood5cents@shaw.ca). Good collecting to everyone!

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## CAWMC 2014 Membership New / Renewal Form

I / We wish to JOIN or RENEW my membership in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC).

**Annual Dues are due before January 1st of 2014:**

- Canadian Resident \$10.00 / Youth (16 years of age and under) \$5.00 Canadian Funds
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If Junior include Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy). If more than 3 members of a family joining / renewing, write on the reverse of this application.

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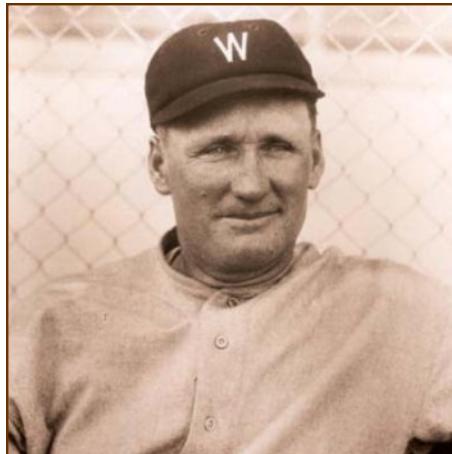
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If you would prefer to receive the Timber Talk via Canada Post instead of e-mail, tick this box

### Washington Senators (1907-27)

Could Walter Johnson been as dominant in a different era? No doubt. "*The Big Train*" had the best fastball in his time and any time, close to 100 mph from accounts, and won an incredible 417 games in 21 seasons with a 2.17 ERA. In a stretch from 1910 to 1918, he won at least 23 games every season. In 1913 at age 25, he went 36-7 with a 1.14 ERA. He had 3,509 strikeouts, the most for any pitcher in the first half of the 20th century.



## Is Series 8 The Swan Song?

shared by Judy Blackman

Yesterday (Fri. Dec. 13—a day full of challenges ironically for me) I received the Canada Wide Woods Series 8 set. It came with a beautiful Season's Greeting Letter dated December 25th, in red print with a nice black etched farm scene on nice manila paper and personally signed in blue by Larry and Bill. "To our Friends: As we approach the threshold of another year, we realize more than ever that friendship is the foundation of all business. With warm sincerity we say "Thank You", for your friendship an goodwill. We hope your Holidays are happy, and that the coming year brings you peace, good cheer, and prosperity. Sincerely,". Now attached to this letter was a half size paper printed in black with CWW logo and contact information and it is dated November 13, 2013. This one is not hand signed but computer printed signatures. It reads, "As of December 31, 2013 CANADA WIDE WOODS will be closing. We also wanted to take the time to thank you for being a loyal customer and do not hesitate to call if there is any questions. Sincerely, Larry & Bill. Please submit payment of \$16.00 for Set #8." So it would appear this year's set is the last of the series. Here's what was in the set:

Size	Shape	Obverse	Reverse	Location	Qty.
38mm	1.5"	Round Happy Hallowe'en black with red 2013	Bill Cousins orange	Ontario (Stratford)	60
38mm	1.5"	Round Happy Hallowe'en orange with black 2013	Canada Wide Woods black	Ontario (Stratford)	50
38mm	1.5"	Round HATLEY blue	Canada Land of Surprises red	Quebec (Hatley)	2,500
38mm	1.5"	Round Lucky Dollar blue	Canada Wide Woods red	Ontario (Gadshill)	75
38mm	1.5"	Round Wooden Nickel red	Anita & Phil Rude Family 1872-2013 black	Alberta	300



Size	Shape	Obverse	Reverse	Location	Qty.
50x88mm	2x3.5"	Rectangular Merry Christmas red with blue 2013	Season's Greetings green with gold 2014	Bob and Dale Cousins green	100
50x88mm	2x3.5"	Rectangular Merry Christmas red with blue 2013	Season's Greetings green with gold 2014	Sharon and Larry green	65
50x88mm	2x3.5"	Rectangular Merry Christmas red with blue 2013	Season's Greetings green with gold 2014	Ontario (St. Mary's)	100
50x88mm	2x3.5"	Rectangular Merry Christmas red with blue 2013	Season's Greetings green with gold 2014	Ontario (Gadshill)	65



Size	Shape	Obverse	Reverse	Location	Qty.	
45mm	1.75"	Round	STRATFORD COIN CLUB EST. 1960 brown	COIN SHOW 2013 brown	Ontario (Stratford)	60
45mm	1.75"	Round	Maple Leaf copper	ROSS KINGDON blue	Ontario (Grand Valley)	50
45mm	1.75"	Round	Maple Leaf green	ROSS KINGDON green	Ontario (Grand Valley)	100
45mm	1.75"	Round	Maple Leaf multi	ROSS KINGDON green	Ontario (Grand Valley)	50
45mm	1.75"	Round	TWEED & AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1988 black	25th Anniversary 1988-2013 black	Ontario (Tweed)	100
45mm	1.75"	Round	PERTH COUNTY'S HISTORICAL FOUNDATION red	2013 HERITAGE & COLLECTORS SHOW blue	Ontario (Stratford)	200
45mm	1.75"	Round	PERTH COUNTY'S HISTORICAL FOUNDATION gold	2013 HERITAGE & COLLECTORS SHOW green	Ontario (Stratford)	200
45mm	1.75"	Round	ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION gold	PETER BECKER copper	Ontario (Kitchener)	100
45mm	1.75"	Round	ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION gold	Bill Cousins purple	Ontario (Gadshill)	75
45mm	1.75"	Round	ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION gold	Canada Wide Woods blue	Ontario (Gadshill)	75
45mm	1.75"	Round	RCNA CONVENTION 2013 WINNIPEG black	Canada Wide Woods pink	Ontario (Gadshill)	65
45mm	1.75"	Round	RCNA CONVENTION 2013 WINNIPEG black	JAMES ALLAN WILLSTON blue	Alberta (Calgary)	150
45mm	1.75"	Round	KOURAGEOUS KONVERSATIONS red + - black	THIS IS A ROUND TUIT red	Ontario (Kitchener)	200



**Congratulations Bill & Larry On Your Retirement!  
Best Wishes & Many Happy Returns!**

**Canada Wide Woods**, is 100% Canadian and proudly owned by its founding partners **Larry M. Walker** and **Bill Cousins**. Since 1992 **Larry** and **Bill** "Your Ontario Woodsmen" and "Canada's Wooden Nickel Company" have operated their manufacturing facility in the hamlet of Gadshill Station (Ontario), located about 5 minutes north of Stratford. They originated the annual Special Subscription Series of 20 different round woods and flats from limited issues. They have helped customers with their designs, providing high quality production, fast delivery, reasonable rates, and most importantly, courtesy and smiles making for a pleasant buying experience. **Larry** and **Bill** will be missed as a reputable dealer to the wooden money segment of numismatics, but expect to see them in the broader hobby circles, at local club meetings and shows. Thank you for **Larry** and **Bill** for their past services excellence, and may their retirement be all they have hoped for! Best always!



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## **Chips from my Woodpile...**

shared by Dave Gillespie

The Orangeville Chapter # 8851 of the Knights of Columbus held another fundraiser. This time it was in support of those in need at Christmas and was held on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

A wooden was made for the event (in two colours) and they were sold at \$ 3.00 each or the pair for \$ 5.00.

I was able to obtain several sets of the tokens and should any collectors be interested, please contact me at 3 Old Oak Lane, Mono, Ontario. L9W 4B1 or e-mail : dacar57@hotmail.com.

The second wood being shown was one that I made with the actual date of the Town's incorporation and I have some of these available should you wish to support the Knights. The Orangeville side of these and the earlier woods shown and referred to in Timber Talk were stamped by **Larry Walker of Canada Wide Woods**.

That being said .....

**Let the Chips lie where they fall.**



## **Christmas Woods** by David Bawcutt

- At the **North York Coin Club** November meeting there was time for the members to talk a few minutes on something of interest to them. Since I just finished my Christmas woods for this year I gave a talk on them.
- I started to collect woods when receiving an anniversary wood for paying my **Scarborough Coin Club** dues.
- Collectors over the years would issue a Christmas wood to give to their fellow collectors at Christmas time. They would be round or rectangular in shape.
- Some early rounds were **Howard Richardson** 1985, **Albert Kasman** 1987 and **Basil Latham** 1989.
- Some flats I have are: **Dick Dunn** 1988, **Norm and May Belsten** 2005, **Russ and Judy Brown** 2011 and my wood 2011.
- In 2008 I had a wood made for Christmas in a quantity of 100 by **Norm Belsten**.
- In 2009 I purchased 50 blank woods at a **Oshawa Coin Club** meeting and used a rubber stamp and pen to make my own wood.
- Since I enjoy woodworking I made my own round blanks from pine wood using a thickness planner, a scroll saw and a disc sander for 2012 and 2013. My only problem was the thickness planner would not go below  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- You can buy Christmas rubber stamps, a ink pad and a pen to make your own Christmas woods.
- I give them to fellow collectors, to friends as a Christmas card and to family with their Christmas present.
- If you make your own wood let **Norm Belsten** know because he is continuing to up date his catalogue and puts out a yearly up date.
- You can also join the **Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors** for a membership cost of \$10.00 per year which includes a monthly newsletter by editor **Judy Blackman** and a free wood each month. They have a meeting at the O.N.A. and R.C.N.A. conventions each year.

[Note: renewal / new membership form on page 2 of this issue.]



## We'll Miss You Bernie, R.I.P.!

The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC), the Calgary Numismatic Society (CNS), and the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) lost another long-time member on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. **Bernie Walker** passed away at age 72 years (massive stroke), and is survived by his wife **Heidi** who he dearly treasured and loved. Many will remember him through their business, **Walker Numismatics**, at the Crossroads Market. A Memorial Reception was held on Sunday, December 8, 2013. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, No. 200, 119 - 14 Street N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2N 1Z6. Our deepest condolences to the **Walker** family!

Co-workers at the Energy, Mines & Resources Canada – Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) Sector's Institute of Sedimentary and Petroleum Geology (ISPG Calgary) describe working with **Bernie** as always being very helpful (especially with instrument problems), and willing to do anything, and an excellent machinist. He built high quality scientific instruments, his work contributed greatly to improve the scientific instruments in order to function properly so the team could achieve their scientific objectives. For example, **Bernie** build a superb divided-bar apparatus used to measure the thermal conductivity of rocks. A study confirmed this instrument outperformed a commercial device used for a study involving a major mining company. Professionals were awed by the quality of construction in **Bernie's** instruments. He was a conscientious person who gave his best efforts to all his endeavors. **Bernie**, provided great joy through his friendly demeanor and wit, and he was extremely generous to his colleagues and friends, especially for various fund-raising campaigns. There was always a coin set on the silent auction tables courtesy of **Bernie**!

**Bernie** was a Past President of the *Calgary Numismatic Society* having held office 1985, 1986, and 1991. **Bernie** was Security Chairman and Hotel Co-Chairman for the RCNA 2005 Convention hosted by the CNS. Most of all **Bernie** made many friends in the numismatic circles, was a reputable dealer, and a willing volunteer.

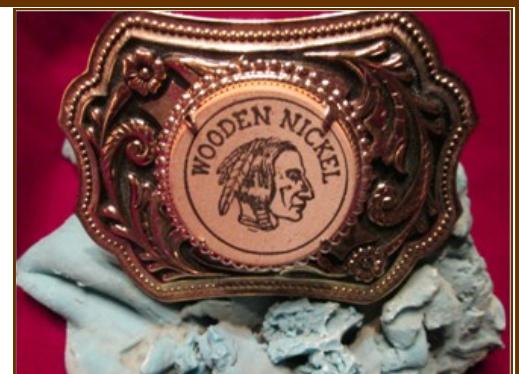


(picture courtesy of **Dan Gosling**)



Interesting belt buckles and  
bollo ties!

Unusual to see them with  
wood nickels instead of  
silver coins.



## Surprise in my mailbox by Judy Blackman

Today (Nov. 19th, 2013), I received another surprise package from Jim Smith ([www.woodencoin.com](http://www.woodencoin.com)). I never know what is going to show up. So this group consists of 8 really interesting woods made from Beetle Kill Pine and silk screened:

- Tribute to President Obama (life story on the reverse)
- Tribute to Premier Clark (B.C.)
- 50 year anniversary of 3 fallen RCMP horsemen (B.C.)
- 2 of the Santa flip coins ("Naughty" and "Nice")
- PayPal coin
- Carbon Credit coin
- One of a kind error wood – the Carbon Credit printed on the obverse and then the Bit Coin reverse printed on top of the obverse instead of on the reverse leaving the reverse blank, hence creating an error coin.



See how cool this stuff is!!! What even greater is how members of this hobby send little surprises to each other! Luv it!



### Kamloops RCMP Host Memorial For Three Officers Killed in 1962 Tragedy

Kamloops City

2012-06-18 08:15 PDT



Cst. E.J. Keck



Cst. G. E. Pedersen



Cst. D. G. Weisgerber

The Kamloops RCMP is hosting a memorial service to commemorate the memory of Constables KECK, WEISGERBER and PEDERSEN who lost their lives in the line of duty in Kamloops on June 18, 1962.

The three young Kamloops Mounted Police officers were responding to a call of a man with a rifle and followed the armed suspect into the Peterson Creek area. They continued to talk to the man in an effort to convince him to put his rifle down. In the area of Peterson Creek close to where a memorial now stands, the suspect turned and open fire on the three officers. Within minutes, all three police officers were killed.

### Premier Christy Clark



Christy Clark was sworn in for her second term as British Columbia's 35th Premier on June 10, 2013 and was elected Westside-Kelowna MLA in a by-election on July 10, 2013.

In her new mandate, Premier Clark will continue her relentless focus on strengthening the economy through the BC Jobs Plan and ensure that government controls spending. She will work to ensure we seize the natural gas opportunity before us, fight for economic development opportunities throughout the province, and make sure British Columbians

are first in line for the jobs that will come.

She will also make sure every child has the best chance to compete and win on the world stage by working to bring labour peace to our classrooms.

She previously served as the MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey (2011-2013), Port Moody-Burnaby Mountain (1996-2001) and Port Moody-Westwood (2001-2005). She has served as Deputy Premier, Minister of Education, Minister of Children and Family Development and vice-chair of the Treasury Board.

## BIG Little Science Centre by Judy Blackman

The **BIG Little Science Centre's** (BLSC) plan for the future is to continue to offer low-cost science opportunities that will excite and inspire students of all ages. The **BLSC** offers enhanced programming and exhibits in the areas of physics, chemistry, biology, and geology, while maintaining its current 'hands-on' format as well as dynamic demonstrations of specialized equipment. There is something to learn and enjoy for everyone from children and teens to adults, including seniors.

The **BLSC**'s annual operating budget comes entirely from donations, grants, and some sales. The **BLSC** needs support. The centre relies heavily on volunteers to operate, but funds are needed to maintain and continue to operate the centre. The **BLSC** currently has only one full-time and one part-time employee. The **BIG Little Science Centre Society** mailing address is Box 882, Station Main, Kamloops, BC V2C 5M8 Canada. They just recently moved to a new location at 655 Holt Street, Kamloops, BC V2B 5G2 if you plan to visit. Website is [www.blscs.org](http://www.blscs.org). The **BIG Little Science Centre Society** extends its gratitude to **Jim Smith (woodencoin.com)** for donating a quantity of humorous wooden coins made of Beetle Kill Pine. The **BLSC** will use these to 'reward' youngsters who volunteer as part of their demonstrations.



## Scarborough Coin Club Show and Woods 2013

shared by David Bawcutt

The **Scarborough Coin Club** had our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Coin Show at Cedarbrook Community Centre on November 2, 2013. About 170 people attended our show which had 20 dealer tables, a club table with free giveaways, three displays prepared by our President **Peter Machulec**, free draw every half hour and refreshments were available with a new addition of a pulled pork sandwich. We had 2 new members join our club at our November meeting. Our club produced a wood for the show in a quantity of 100 with light blue foil stamping both sides.

The **Scarborough Coin Club** is celebrating our 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at our December 4, 2013 Christmas Party with a chicken buffet at Cedarbrook Community Centre starting at 7:00 p.m. We have made our annual anniversary wood for the occasion in a quantity of 100 with red foil stamping both sides.

Our Club has been producing an anniversary wood each year since our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1980, a show wood each year, we have 3



special woods and 1 error wood. There are 20 woods sold out of the 55 different woods our club has issued.

2013 **Scarborough Coin Club** woods are available at \$1.00 each which includes postage. Current made up sets of 35 woods are available at \$20.00 each which includes postage. I will include my Christmas wood free while supply last with each order. Make cheques payable to the: **Scarborough Coin Club**. Send your order to **David Bawcutt** 75 Claremore Ave., Scarborough, ON M1N 3S2.





### Past Presidents:

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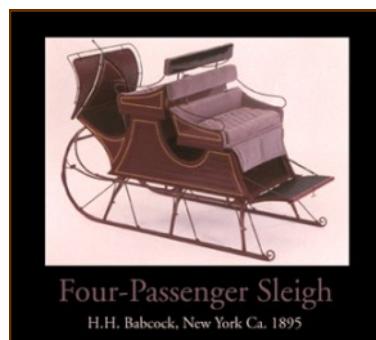
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## A Christmas Cutter!

Free Wood of the Month of January 2014 reported by Ross Kingdon

Our January 2014 Free Wood of the Month is #8140-429 Al and Marion Munro's 2013 Christmas 4 x 2 inch flat and they had 325 made by Norm Belsten.

Pictured below (left to right) is France Waychison, Marion Munro, Bill Waychison, and Al Munro at a past RCNA convention. Picture is courtesy of Dan Gosling.



*Wishing You a Very  
Merry Christmas  
And Happy New Year*

**AL & MARION  
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CALGARY, AB**



Portland Cutter



<< 2-Seater Bobsleigh



Albany Cutter >>

<< 2-seater Albany Cutter



## Achilles Turns Heads In Ho Chi Minh City

It's not the world's first wooden car, but it is the first of its kind in Vietnam. Featuring a body made exclusively from high-quality wood and decorated with intricate carvings, the **Achilles** has been turning heads on the streets of Ho Chi Minh City.

The one-of-a-kind vehicle was created by **Le Nguyen Khang**, owner of Binh Duong-based wood processing firm **Le Lumber**. He told reporters the idea of building a wooden car started off as a joke, while he was talking to an English friend who works in the travel business. One day, he jokingly asked **Khang**, "Working in the wood processing industry, can you make me a wooden car?". Little did he know the silly question would plant a seed in **Le Nguyen's** brain, who started thinking seriously about making a car from wood. After all, he had all the materials he needed, and could count on the help of several professional woodworkers from his company. The sketch for his unusual automobile was completed in April of 2011, and with the help of 11 of his best employees, he worked on it for 16 months. The **Achilles** was finally completed last month, and as soon as he started driving it around the city, people assaulted him with all kinds of questions and requests to have their pictures taken with it.

"I named the car after **Achilles**, one of the greatest warriors in Greek mythology, whose entire body, except for his heel, is invulnerable. I know that my vehicle is not perfect," **Khang** explained the name of his car. The entire body of the 4.6m-long and 1.8m-wide vehicle is made from imported wood like xylia xylocarpa, ash, and walnut, and features beautiful carvings. His company logo is carved on the front of the car, on the background of a dragon, while the two front sides are covered with the patterns of a dragon, unicorn, turtle, and phoenix, the four traditional sacred animals which represent power, beauty, and nobility. **Le Nguyen Khang** says his drivable masterpiece has one serious drawback – its weight. The wooden body weighs nearly 1.5 tons, and he says that "only the BMW engine is able to withstand the heavy wooden body of the car." So he imported essential parts of the car, like the engine, gearbox, chassis and transmission system from the German automaker, and tried to replace everything else with wood. Despite its strange look, the **Achilles** actually works like a normal car and reaches a top speed of 60 km/h.

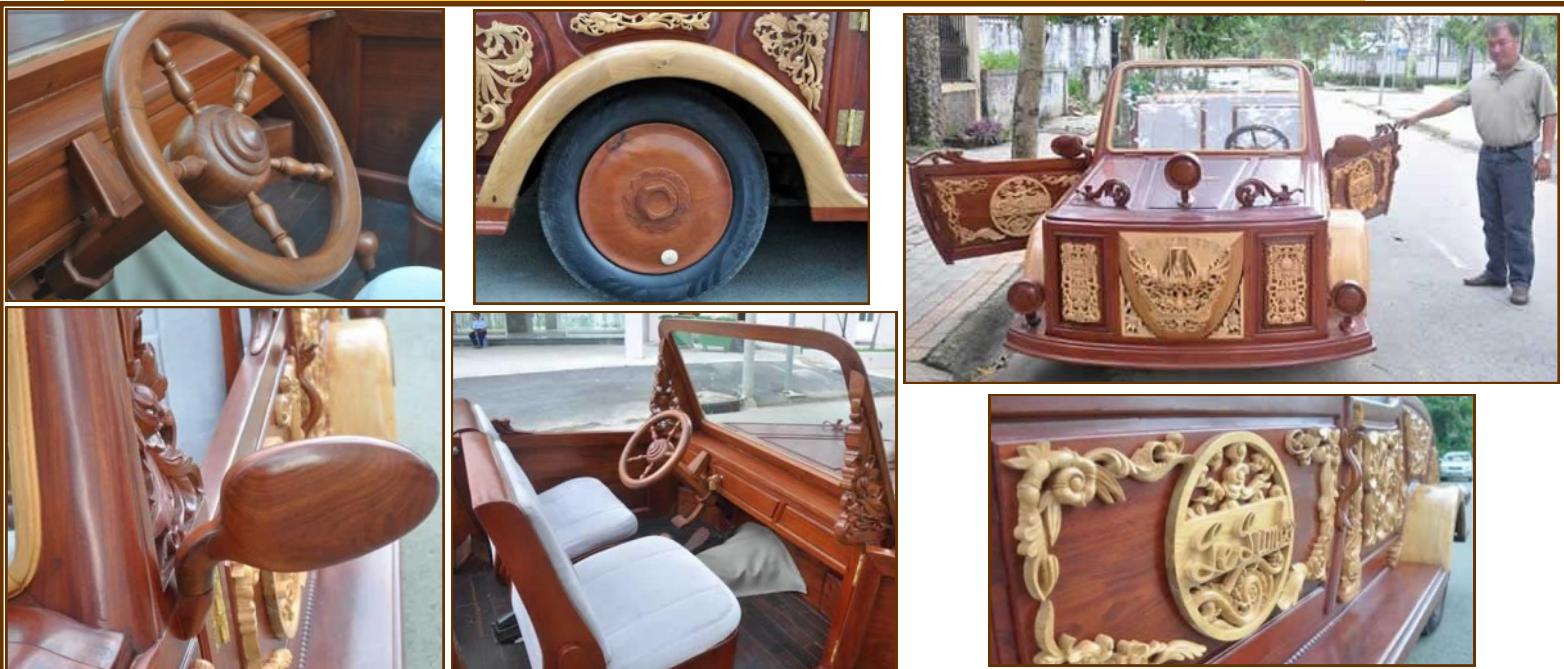
In the month since it's been spotted in Ho Chi Minh City, photos of the **Achilles** have gone viral on various Vietnamese websites and got mixed reactions. "There are positive as well as negative responses, but I respect all of them," **Khang** says, adding that many people don't understand the idea behind his wooden car, as they criticize that the car lacks high-tech equipment such as a speedometer and even electric and lighting systems. "It's simple to install such systems into the car, but what's important is I don't want to have those 'modern' things in my traditional car," he explained. "My purpose while making this car was to prove the talent of wood processing workers in Vietnam in general, and Binh Duong in particular. So except for the essential engine, I don't want to have any other materials but wood on the **Achilles**."

The Vietnamese businessman said so far four customers, including foreigners, have expressed interest in his wooden car, and offers average at around \$24,000. He wants to sit down with all of them and find out if they want to buy it for "adequate reasons". The proceeds from this deal will go to charity. But he's only parting with the **Achilles** because he has bigger plans to focus on. He's negotiating with local authorities to allow him to build electrical wooden cars to carry international tourists around the city's downtown.



If you're curious about that weird numbered licence plate, it's actually **Le Nguyen Khang's** phone number. "It's to help those who want to contact me easily," he said. So if you want to have a conversation with him, you know what number to dial.



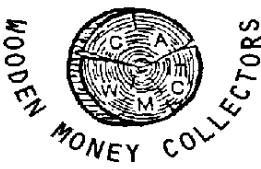


## Volkswagen Iconic Buggy

53-year-old **Momir Bojic**, from Bosnia and Herzegovina, has recently showed-off his unique Volkswagen Beetle, made almost entirely from wood. **Momir** (with the help of his wife **Nada**) built his wooden Beetle six years ago, as a hobby, and says it took him an entire year to complete the job. At first glance, it looks like a 1:1 scale replica of 1975 Volkswagen Beetle iconic buggy, but this is a real drivable vehicle. It has a full wooden body, wooden steering wheel, hub caps, dashboard and has become somewhat of an attraction on wheels in the Bosnian town of Banja Luka, near **Momir Bojic's** hometown of Celinac. During the recent auto meeting held in Banja Luka, out of the over 100 models of vintage cars on show, the wooden Beetle got the most attention from visitors and passers-by. **Momir** says he has driven his wooden car all through his home country as well as through some of the neighboring states, and people just couldn't take their eyes off the amazing vehicle covered with around 20,000 oak slats. **Momir** is a retired Volkswagen employee. He used 23 steps to finish each piece on his one-of-a-kind ride. **Momir** replaced all the metal pieces with individually carved wooden ones (safe mechanic moving parts).



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### Free Fair

The Town of Humboldt (now City) is located in Richardson County in the southeast corner of Nebraska. A person can easily drive to cities in Iowa, Missouri and Kansas as they are only a few miles away. Humboldt is 85 miles south of Omaha, 140 miles northwest of Kansas City, 65 miles from St. Joseph or Topeka. Peru State College and Southeast Community College in Beatrice are within a 45 minute drive. Since 1924, features fun for the entire family including children's activities, parade, entertainment, animals, agricultural exhibits, rides, music, commercial vendors, a wide variety of food and attractions. The Richardson County Free Fair includes the Humboldt Fall Festival and the Coronation Program (King and Queen). Today Humboldt is a City "on the New Square". There is a parade each of the three days of the fair, as well as free acts each of the days for at least 6 hours. Each fair has a theme, the 2013 was "Our Fair Kingdom". The community band plays in the parade and throughout the fair. There is livestock judging, a salsa contest, special events (such as Woman of the Year, and also Happy Czechs). There's antique tractors, cute baby contest, original creative writing contest, sidewalk art contest, kiddie pedal tractor pull, antique tractor and gas engine show, bingo, agricultural building full of exhibits (cultural, educational, entertaining), food stands and other food venues (church, café, legion, etc.), midway with rides and games, and much more.

The event is coordinated by both the Agricultural Society and the Chamber of Commerce. These woods were issued by the Chamber of Commerce in advance of the fair to promote it. There was a fair king and queen every year since and including 1924, There has been a fair theme every year since 1937. Some of the more interesting themes have been: 1945 March of the United Nations (same year WWII ended), 1944 G.I. Joe's Dream Garden, 1950 Wedding of the Painted Doll, 1986 Celebration of Freedom, 1996 United We Stand, 1999 Remembering a Century, the Waychison's will appreciate the theme for 2000 "Let The Good Times Roll", and 2010 The Power of Partnership. There were also years of goofy themes such as "Sesame Street On Parade".



Bonnel Mann was riding this fancy horse in the fair parade in 1939.

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"The Bright Spot  
of the White Spot"

Void After Sept. 20, 1938.

RICHARDSON COUNTY

FREE FAIR

Humboldt  
Fall Festival

SEPT. 14-15-16, 1938.



Jeanne Powell (Standford) was not only a member of the HHS band, she also showed her prize winning pony in 1947.

When Humboldt hosted the Richardson County Fair in the 1920s, Charles Linbergh was featured doing airplane stunts. Together with his friend, Errold Bahl, who lived in Humboldt, they also gave rides. Bahl and Harry Frey designed and built an airplane, "The Redbird," which they hope to manufacture. The original model is in the museum at Albany, Kansas. Another design, "The Lark" was manufactured for a time. Humboldt, a busy town of 1,100, had five active churches, and many retired citizens. It has a modern hospital, a nursing home, and a senior citizens housing development overlooking the recreational park. The fair and fall festival — a three-day, four-night event — continues to be a highlight, with a large parade, free entertainment, and a home talent program.

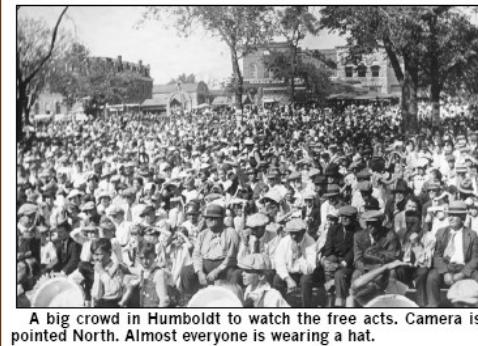
Mail for pioneer families, sent out from Brownville, was deposited at the store of an early settler Judge O. J. Tinker. In applying for "a postal address," his son, Edward, suggested the name "Humboldt," for Humboldt, Tennessee. On January 11, 1861, when it was approved, Tinker's daughter was named postmaster. Judge Tinker dreamed of establishing a town design around a lovely central park. In 1865 he purchased "the perfect town site" from John Scott for the sum of one dollar. Perhaps Tinker's focus on the central park contributed to the town's oddity of having the narrowest street in Richardson County. Two blocks long, it is only eight feet wide. Three years later, anxious to see his town develop, Tinker made an offer to Ruell and William Nims (brothers who owned the trading post on the "North Fork" of the Nemaha River) of ten acres of prairie land if they would build a general store facing the park. Accepting the conditions, they put up the "stone store," a building still in use. Colonel Harding's sale barn, built in 1900, featured William Albright, "the first auctioneer west of the Missouri." His grandson, "Cricket" Albright, also cried sales here for many years. The Humboldt Brick Company, incorporated in 1906, ran 12 kilns with capacity of 60,000 bricks each. Nearly every Burlington Railroad platform in the state of Nebraska was paved with "Humboldt Bricks". Soon thereafter, word was received that the Atchison & Nebraska Railroad would be built through the county. The Tinker family and the Nims brothers donated land for a siding, and the town quickly developed. When the first train arrived in 1871, a bandstand had already been built in the center of the park. A lovely fountain, built of native stone, was added later. Humboldt organized a brass band, which was said to have had "the finest band wagon in the whole state." Incorporation occurred in 1873.

The first schoolhouse, used as an all-purpose meeting place, had been built in 1867 for ten pupils. Over the years there were three other schools, with the present one built in 1930. Currently serving 260 students, a gym and other additions were built as needed. Several century-old family businesses grace Humboldt's streets. Marburger's shoe store and Prater Jewelry were both established in 1879. The first "flouring mill," which started building in 1871, ran into difficulty when the backwater from its dam infringed on the building site of a second mill on the other side of Nemaha. When the matter landed in court, no progress was made on the business, and the community was without a mill. The Cooper Flour and Feed business was not established until 1879. Guy Cooper carried on the business, followed by his sons Guy Jr., and John. In 1976 the business was sold to the Central Soya Company. Other Humboldt-based businesses include:

- Caffrey harness racers. Stallions from this stable were considered to be top breeding stock and used all around the world. The Humboldt Park Racing Association built one of the best half-mile tracks in the state in 1886.
- The Powers Sheep Company, established in 1911. Frank J. Rist formulating and marketing "Rist's Hog Mineral." In 1925 Frank O. Rist started one of the first radio stations in Nebraska, KGDW.

## -Welcome-

**to the City of  
Humboldt,  
Nebraska  
Home of  
The Original Free  
RICHARDSON COUNTY  
FAIR**



Frank Rist for years showed a huge boar during the fair. This pig weighed 1,300 pounds. Photo submitted by Gene Lionberger.



Frank Rist was one of the pioneers in developing hybrid seed corn. This photo was taken in the late 40's and advertised one of the hybrids, #324A.

## North Shore Recreation Commission

Norm's catalogue lists these two 38mm round Vancouver North Shore Recreation woods: 9625-010 1984 1,000 BL / BL and 9625-011 PU / PU (no quantity or year). The purple image is courtesy of Ziggy's. With a population of 47,000, North Vancouver offers friendly community living. Newcomers often get acquainted through outdoor activities or the many programs and services offered by the North Vancouver Recreation Commission (NVRC). While offering hundreds of ways for people of all ages, incomes and abilities to get involved, the commission provides dedicated information for newcomers about its programs and services in five languages: English, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin and Tagalog. Getting to and from North Vancouver is an easy 12-minute commute by SeaBus water taxi from Vancouver. The SeaBus terminal at Lonsdale Quay is a hub for the Vancouver area's extensive bus network. By car, North Vancouver offers quick access to the city via the Highway 1 and either the Second Narrows or the Lions Gate bridge. North Vancouver offers a wealth of amenities, from the shops at Lonsdale Avenue to the freshest of seafood and produce available seven days a week at the Lonsdale Quay Market. If you caught the news in mid-December (2013) you know the North Vancouver Search & Rescue says it won't charge for their services for outdoor past times as these activities are important to the area and they don't want them to be discouraged. Many people choose North Vancouver for the outdoor lifestyle. Locally, Grouse Mountain and Mt. Seymour together enable many different activities, with a 10-kilometre forest pathway for biking, walking, running and rollerblading and an intense climb known as the Grouse Grind, a 2.9-kilometre ascent up the mountain's face along a rugged path. Other local attractions include the Capilano Suspension Bridge and the Capilano Salmon Hatchery. Those looking for something more educational or cultural can take courses at nearby Capilano University or catch concerts and plays at the university's Performing Arts Theatre.

The North Shore communities consist of Deep Cove (refers to both the community in the easternmost part of the District of North Vancouver, and also the geographic name of the small bay beside the town. Lower Lonsdale continues to be an exciting hub and is part of the original North Vancouver town site, bordered on the north by Keith Road and on the south by the waters of the Burrard Inlet. Lonsdale Quay is the North Shore's waterfront market and over 80 specialty shops and services, and a food market, international food court, play areas, spas, and more. Lynn Valley is named for John Linn one of the pioneers of this part of North Shore. It is bordered to the east by Lynn Canyon Park, to the north by Lynn Headwaters Regional Park and the Greater Vancouver Regional District Watershead. Lynn Valley is wide-spread but limited in its expansion. Canyon Heights in North Vancouver is one of the most sought after areas for estate style living. It's within an arm's reach of Edgemont Village, Grouse Mountain, and offers easy access to the upper levels highway and Vancouver.

